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9 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
10 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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12 IN RE:

CASE NO.: 11-51998-btb
(Chapter 7)

13 RICK J. ARNAUD,

14 Debtor.

NO HEARING REQUIRED

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16 **EX-PARTE APPLICATION OF TRUSTEE TO EMPLOY ATTORNEY**

17 The Application of Allen M. Dutra, Trustee of the estate of the Debtor
18 above named, respectfully represents as follows:

19 1) This case was commenced by the filing of a voluntary petition
20 under Chapter Seven of Title Eleven, United States Code on June 17, 2011.

21 2) Applicant is duly appointed, qualified and acting Trustee of the
22 estate of the Debtor above named.

23 3) Applicant requires the services of an attorney to represent and
24 assist his in exercising his rights and duties under Title 11 of the United States
25 Code: Specifically, to assist the trustee turnover and recovery of estate assets.

26 4) Applicant has made careful and diligent inquiry into the
27 qualifications of Michael Lehnerns, Esq. and found that he is qualified to
28 represent him in the foregoing matters.

7) Applicant has agreed to pay Mr. Lehnert at the rate of \$300.00/hr. for any and all such services rendered, and which are approved by the Court. No particular sum is requested to be disbursed at this time. Counsel will make appropriate applications for compensation in the future. The sole purpose of this application is to authorize employment, and as such no hearing is required.

/S/ ALLEN M. DUTRA
ALLEN M. DUTRA, Trustee